



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03395

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Offences and Clearance Rates for Fermanagh Area

Request and Answer:

Question

Can I request the following information under the FOI Act for the Fermanagh area?

The overall number of offences recorded in each year from 2011/12 to 2014/15 and broken down by offences against the person (excluding sexual offences), sexual offences, theft, burglary, criminal damage, fraud and forgery and drug offences

The overall clearance rate in each year from 2011/12 to 2014/15 and broken down by offences against the person (excluding sexual offences), sexual offences, theft, burglary, criminal damage, fraud and forgery and drug offences

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Included below are two tables, which show the requested information on the overall number of offences recorded for the years 2011/12 to 2014/15 for the Fermanagh area, broken down by crime type along with the crime outcome rates for Fermanagh during the same time period. Please note that the statistical information for all of the PSNI policing districts is already made publically available on the PSNI website, a link to which is provided below, the crime statistics in the tables below are provided for your convenience.

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_crime_statistics.htm

In addition, the specific information you have requested in relation to the Fermanagh policing area (F District – Fermanagh) is accessible through the crime pivot table, a link to which is provided below. The Data Measure option in this spreadsheet allows for the selection of 'recorded crime', 'crime outcomes (numbers)' and 'crime outcomes (rates)' for all policing districts and covers the years 1998/99 to 2014/15.

http://www.psni.police.uk/police_recorded_crime_in_northern_ireland_1998-99_to_2014-15_pivot_tables_crime.xls

Table 1. Recorded Crime in F District – Fermanagh

Crime Type	Financial Year			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Violence with injury (including homicide)	486	411	376	378
Violence without injury	532	530	599	624
Sexual offences	62	60	54	83
Robbery	18	8	11	9
Theft - domestic burglary	131	136	162	187
Theft - non-domestic burglary	147	145	152	127
Theft from the person	6	5	5	11
Theft - vehicle offences	146	149	125	183
Bicycle theft	11	10	14	12
Theft - shoplifting	164	146	188	173
All other theft offences	455	428	414	351
Criminal damage	737	556	517	521
Trafficking of drugs	19	28	23	28
Possession of drugs	60	66	69	66
Possession of weapons offences	17	18	16	23
Public order offences	25	22	22	29
Miscellaneous crimes against society	108	93	91	111
Other fraud	58	83	83	67
Total recorded crime - all offences	3182	2894	2921	2983

Table 2. Crime Outcomes (Rates by %) for F District – Fermanagh

Crime Type	Financial Year			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Violence with injury (including homicide)	39.7	47.9	42.8	38.1
Violence without injury	44.2	43.8	39.2	35.1
Sexual offences	41.9	21.7	22.2	15.7
Robbery	16.7	25	45.5	55.6
Theft - domestic burglary	8.4	17.6	11.1	4.3
Theft - non-domestic burglary	20.4	19.3	15.1	16.5
Theft from the person	0	0	0	9.1
Theft - vehicle offences	19.2	20.8	17.6	13.7
Bicycle theft	0	0	0	16.7
Theft - shoplifting	45.7	56.8	56.9	45.7
All other theft offences	11.4	14.7	8.2	12.8
Criminal damage	25.6	24.3	21.1	22.3
Trafficking of drugs	73.7	82.1	73.9	60.7
Possession of drugs	83.3	90.9	73.9	77.3
Possession of weapons offences	70.6	72.2	56.3	60.9
Public order offences	68	72.7	40.9	51.7
Miscellaneous crimes against society	73.1	63.4	79.1	62.2
Other fraud	29.3	38.6	32.5	32.8
Total recorded crime - all offences	32.4	34.9	31.2	29

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by

emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.